

Minutes

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
November 15, 2016

Members Present

Senator Don Davis
Senator Valerie Foushee
Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Co-Chair
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Tom McInnis
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Joyce Waddell

Representative Craig Horn, Co-Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Jason Saine
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Rena Turner

Advisory Member

Senator Ben Clark

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Turner moved to approve the October 10, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Chairman Horn recognized Chuck Hefren, Principal Program Evaluator, to present the report *Medicaid Program Integrity Section is Not Cost-Effectively Identifying and Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse*.

The committee heard remarks from:

- Robert Leandro, Partner – Parker Poe Adams Bernstein Law Firm, who presented prepared remarks furnished for the record.
- Knicole Emanuel, Partner, Gordon Reese Law Firm.
- Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary, Medical Assistance, DHHS, who summarized the response by the Secretary of DHHS, which is included in the PED report.

After discussion by JLPEOC members, Senator Hartsell moved that the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee endorse the report's recommendations and refer the report for consideration by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice. Motion carried.

Chairman Hartsell recessed the committee to reconvene at 9:00 am, Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

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Members Present

Senator Stan Bingham
Senator Valerie Foushee
Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Co-Chair
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Tom McInnis
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Joyce Waddell

Representative Craig Horn, Co-Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Rena Turner

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Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair, reconvened the meeting at 9:00AM and called members to order.

Chairman Hartsell recognized Sean Hamel, Principal Program Evaluator, to present the PED report *Allotment-Specific and System-Level Issues Adversely Affect North Carolina's Distribution of K-12 Resources*.

Senator Hartsell recognized Philip Price, Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Public Instruction, to respond. Mr. Price referred the committee to the DPI response included in the PED report and stated that the report contained a great deal of information that would be valuable to the General Assembly, DPI, and interested groups. He observed that the system is more complicated than what PED described. DPI did not agree with some of the findings but found that the report was well-documented and would help any efforts to find better ways to fund public schools.

Representative Horn moved to direct staff to draft legislation to establish a Joint Taskforce on Education Finance Reform to work in coordination with the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to develop a model that uses a weighted student formula to fund the K-12 public education system and authorizes the taskforce to procure independent consultation and facilitation throughout the process. Motion carried.

Chairs requested staff to provide estimates for resources necessary to procure independent consultation and facilitation for the taskforce. Representative Carney added that, to the extent possible, all stakeholders including local educators and county officials should be allowed to participate during the work of the taskforce.

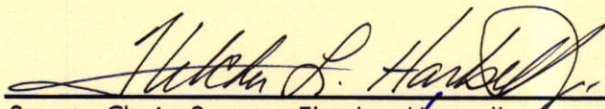
Chairman Hartsell recognized Kiernan McGorty, Principal Program Evaluator, to ask the committee which previous JLPEOC bills it wanted to see at its December meeting for consideration for introduction in the 2017 Session.

Representative Horn moved to direct staff to prepare draft bills for the December meeting for the following items.

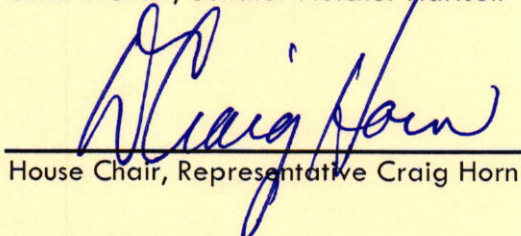
- Oversight of Service Contracts
- Retiree Health
- Board of Review
- Legislative Subsistence/Travel
- Pilot Standards

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.



Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell



House Chair, Representative Craig Horn